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EXAMINER: SHERIDAN SNEDDEN

FOR: THE USE OF ANTICOAGULANT AGENTS IN THE EXTRACORPOREAL TREATMENT OF BLOOD

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Sir:

In reply to the Office action of May 20, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claims 2, 3 and 7, amend Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 to 12, and enter new Claims 13 to 21 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper. A clean copy of the claims as herewith amended is found in the attached Appendix II.